



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 10/667,176) Art Unit: 3721
Filed: 09/17/2003) Attorneys Ref.: P214414
Title: Preloaded Drop Hammer For Driving)
Piles)

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2005. It is believed that no fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee or charge is due, please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 502099.

Please amend the application as described herein.

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2005, in connection with this case. In that Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings and rejected claims 4-6 and 9 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner rejected pending claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 11-13, 15, 18, 19, and 21 under 35 USC § 103(a) based on the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,102,133 to Scheid and U.S. Patent No. 4,844,661 to Martin.

By this Amendment, the Applicant has amended claim 4 to render moot the rejections of claims 4-6 and 9 under 35 USC § 112. The Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to the drawing FIGS. 2-4. The Applicant respectfully traverses